

DeLauro	Lantos	Rush
Dicks	Lee	Ryan (OH)
Dingell	Levin	Sabo
Doggett	Lewis (GA)	Salazar
Doyle	Lipinski	Sánchez, Linda
Edwards	Lofgren, Zoe	T.
Emanuel	Lowe	Sanchez, Loretta
Engel	Lynch	Sanders
Eshoo	Markley	Schakowsky
Etheridge	Marshall	Schiff
Farr	Matheson	Schwartz (PA)
Fattah	Matsui	Scott (GA)
Filner	McCarthy	Scott (VA)
Ford	McCollum (MN)	Serrano
Frank (MA)	McDermott	Sherman
Gibbons	McGovern	Slaughter
Gonzalez	McIntyre	Smith (WA)
Green, Al	McNulty	Spratt
Green, Gene	Meehan	Stark
Grijalva	Melancon	Strickland
Gutierrez	Michaud	Stupak
Harman	Millender-	Tanner
Higgins	McDonald	Tauscher
Hinche	Miller (NC)	Taylor (MS)
Hinojosa	Miller, George	Taylor (CA)
Holden	Moore (WI)	Thompson (CA)
Holt	Nadler	Thompson (MS)
Honda	Napolitano	Tierney
Hooey	Neal (MA)	Towns
Hoyer	Oberstar	Udall (CO)
Inslee	Obey	Udall (NM)
Israel	Oliver	Velázquez
Jackson (IL)	Owens	Visclosky
Jackson-Lee	Pallone	Wasserman
(TX)	Payne	Schultz
Jefferson	Pelosi	Waters
Johnson, E. B.	Pomeroy	Watson
Jones (OH)	Porter	Watt
Kanjorski	Price (NC)	Waxman
Kildee	Rahall	Weiner
Kilpatrick (MI)	Rangel	Wexler
Kind	Ross	Woolsey
Kucinich	Rothman	Wynn
Langevin	Roybal-Allard	

NOT VOTING—13

Brown (OH)	Evans	Linder
Cardin	Forbes	Skelton
Case	Hastings (FL)	Snyder
Diaz-Balart, L.	Kennedy (MN)	
Diaz-Balart, M.	Kennedy (RI)	

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Mr. RUPPERSBERGER changed his vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, I was unavoidably detained and missed two rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall vote No. 194 and “nay” on rollcall vote No. 195.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

(Mr. BOEHNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my colleagues' indulgence. It has become clear that we will probably, in all likelihood, finish our business by Thursday night. I wanted to give Members a heads-up that we do not expect to be in on Friday. I can't give you a firm time for what time we will be out tomorrow evening, but it is not expected that we will be in on Friday.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 5427, and that I may include tabular material on the same.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEARCE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 832 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 5427.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5427), making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, with Mr. GUTKNECHT in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HOBSON) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISCLOSKEY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, it is my privilege to submit to the House for its consideration H.R. 5427, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2007. The Appropriations Committee approved this bill unanimously on May 16, and I believe this is a good bill that merits the support of the entire House.

Mr. Chairman, this bill provides annual funding for a wide range of Federal programs, including such diverse matters as flood control, navigation improvements, environmental restoration, nuclear waste disposal, advanced scientific research, applied energy research, maintenance of our nuclear stockpile, and nuclear nonproliferation activities.

The total funding for energy and water development for the fiscal year 2007 is \$30.017 billion. This funding amount represents an increase of \$546 million above the budget request and \$172 million below the current fiscal year. I want to point out to everyone that our subcommittee's 302 allocation is right at the level and provides adequate funding to meet the priority needs of the House.

Title I is the Army Corps of Engineers. This provides the funding for the Civil Works Program of the Army Corps and the formerly utilized Sites

Remedial Action Program which is executed by the corps and the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works.

□ 1430

The committee recommends a total of \$4.983 billion for the title I activities, an increase of \$251 million above the budget request and \$345 million below the enacted level for the current year, separate from emergency supplemental appropriations.

In recent years, Mr. Chairman, in my opinion and I think our committee's, the corps' civil works program had lost its way. Instead of taking care of the Nation's most pressing water resources needs, the corps tried to keep everybody happy by spreading its limited resources across an ever-enlarging set of projects; and, frankly, Congress has been a big part of that problem, giving the corps more and more projects to do but, frankly, not enough money to do them.

Our committee has taken steps in the last several years to put the corps on the road to fiscal recovery and to restore the focus on getting the most critical projects done efficiently. As before, we do not fund any new starts and do not carry any new project authorizations. I might say we not only cut out the Members' new starts in the corps, we cut out the President of the United States' new starts. We treat everybody the same. Instead, we concentrate our limited resources on the completion of ongoing projects. This will save money.

I support the administration's attempt to apply performance-based criteria so that resources are applied to the highest-priority items. This is still a work in progress, and we know that the ratio of remaining costs and remaining benefits should not be the sole major of a project's merits, but I give OMB, and this is hard for me to do, credit for listening for a change to our concerns and, frankly, moving in what we all believe is the right direction.

One obvious consequence of folks seeing limited funding on the most important projects is that fewer House Members will receive funding for corps water projects in their districts. We added \$251 million to address Member needs for additional water projects. As in prior years, we favored projects that could complete a useful increment of work in fiscal year 2007.

We also continue the initiatives we started last year to improve fiscal management in the corps. These initiatives have administration support. We maintain the reprogramming guidelines that we put in place last year, and we establish a fund to begin paying back some reprogramming comments that were made in previous years.

We included language last year significantly limiting the corps' ability to misuse continuing contracts and to continue those limitations in fiscal year 2007. I have directed the corps to hire a commercial audit firm to provide Congress with a full accounting of these contracts.